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SIMONS~SYMONS

William Simons (Quaker) b. 1620's; r/o East Hampton, Suffolk Co., NY; d. by 1685 Albemarle Co., NC.
m. Mary ---
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| 1. Thomas b. 1648/9 m. Rebecca --- | 2. William | 3. Rebecca | 4. Elizabeth | 5. Jeremiah d. 1715 m. Ann --- | 6. Mary |
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Thomas Symons b. 1648/9; d. 1706 Pasquotank Co., NC
m. Rebecca ---
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| 1. John b. 1678 m. Damaris White m. Priscilla Tomes | 2. Frances (died young) | 3. Thomas (prob. died young) |
| 4. Peter b. 1684 m. Martha Pritchard | 5. Mary m. John Morris | 6. Elizabeth m. Zachariah Nixon |

Jeremiah Symons, Jr. b. 1685; d. 1740 Pasquotank Co., NC
m. Rachel (Roots ?)
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| 1. Benjamin m. Elizabeth --- | 2. Sarah m. Samuel Reading | 3. Ann m. Mr. Spence |
| 4. Hannah m. Willis Sawyer | 5. Jeremiah III m. Eliz. Crooksey | (Jeremiah Jr. dis- owned by Quakers) |

Jeremiah Symons r/o Pasquotank Co., NC; d. 1715
m. Ann ---
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| 1. Tamar b. 1680 m. Samuel Bundy | 2. Deborah b. 1683 m. William Chancy | 3. Jeremiah b. 1685 m. Rachel "Roots" |
| 4. Ann m. 1711 m. Charles Overman | 5. Sarah m. 1711 m. Thomas Robinson | 6. Mary m. Samuel Northy m. Robert Lowery Sr. |
| 7. Samuel (did not marry) | 8. William m. 1725 m. Eliz. Morris | 9. Elizabeth |

William, s/o Jeremiah Symons, d. 1760
m. Elizabeth, d/o John & Mary (Symons) Morris
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| 1. John m. 1747 m. Eliz. Phelps | 2. Mary m. Samuel Cornwell | 3. Joseph m. Miriam Trueblood |
| 4. Ann m. Joseph Scott (prob. 2nd wife of) | 5. Elizabeth m. John Sanders m. Thomas Robinson | 6. William m. William White |
| | 7. Samuel m. Elizabeth --- | |

John Symons b. 1678; d. 1741 Pasquotank Co., NC
m. Damaris, d/o Henry & Damaris (Page) White
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| 1. Thomas b. 1702 Ann Keaton-Bundy | 2. Rebecca b. 1704 (prob. died young) | 3. John (died young) |
| 4. Jacob & Joseph (died young) | 5. Frances b. 1713 (died young) | 6. Peter b. 1716 m. Mary Mace m. Prisc. Bufkin |
| m. 2. Priscilla, wd/o John Nicholson & d/o Francis & Abigail (Bailey) Tomes. | 7. Francis b. 1722 (prob. died young) | 8. Damaris b. 1724 (disowned) |

Thomas Symons b. 1702; d. 1757/8 Pasquotank Co., NC
m. Ann, wd/o Wm. Bundy & d/o Henry Keaton & 1st wife.
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| 1. Mary m. 1747/8 m. Nathan Overman | 2. John m. Ann Morris m. Miriam Winslow | 3. Miriam m. John Sanders |
| 4. Joshua (d.y.) | m. Eliz. Morris | 5. Abraham |
| 6. Thomas m. 1765 m. Jane Bundy | 7. Ann m. 1755 m. Joseph Newby | 8. Rebecca m. John Lowe m. Jos. Nicholson |
| 9. Joseph (d.y.) | 10. Sarah m. 1759 m. Thomas Hollowell | m. Nathan Pearson |

Peter Symons b. 1684; d. 1715 Pasquotank Co., NC
m. Martha, d/o Thomas & Barbara Pritchard
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| 1. Barbara (dnm) | 2. Jehosaphat m. 2. Lydia Bundy | 3. Mary m. Joshua Albertson |
| 4. Thomas (d.y.) | m. 3. Eliz. Barrow | |

Peter, s/o John Symons b. 1716; d. by 1776
m. 1. Mary, d/o Francis & Ann (Newby) Mace
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m. Priscilla, d/o Leaven & Alice Buffkin
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| 1. Rebecca m. Joshua Morris | 2. Pleasant | 3. Benjamin (did not marry) |
| m. Jeremiah Gilbert | | |

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Will Book B

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Will of ADAM SIMEONS of Oglethorpe Co., GA, being afflicted in body. Just debts to be paid by sale of the crop and any part of the stock that can be spared, and by collections of the debts due to me.

"To my dear old mother I will and bequeath to work for and wait and attend on her during her natural life, one negro woman called Harriot and if her labour should be more than a support, to be put in with the rest of my estate, and if that should fail to be a sufficient support, I will that she have a sufficient support out of my estate during her natural life."

An equal division to be made of real and personal estate "among my dear children at the death of my dear wife, or when my youngest child comes of age, or when my dear wife should marry, Except the land."

During wife's natural life, she is to have the house and 100 acres of adjoining land, and a child's part of the personal estate. At her death or remarriage to be divided among the children. Negro Harriot loaned to mother is to be divided among the children at death of Adam's mother.

Land and remaining negroes to be divided into 7 lots to be drawn by the children. As each child comes of age or marries they are to be given their share. Children were JERRY SIMEONS, JANE SIMEONS, WINNEY SIMEONS, JAMES SIMEONS, ANDREW JACKSON SIMEONS, ASA B. SIMEONS, and HANNAH SIMEONS.

"And if my dear wife should bear another child be either son or daughter, I will and bequeath that it shall be made equal with the children already named as above."

ADAM EBERHEART and wife ELIZABETH SIMEONS named executors, who are given power to sell at public or private sale any perishable property, "or to change it for the advantage of my wife or children so as not to waste it nor spend it. I desire that my children be school and clothed and board in raising in a becoming manner." Signed 12-23-1819. If more debts accrue, land that can be spared is to be sold and payment made.

Witnessed by ISAM GOSS

ADAM (+) SIMEONS his mark

JOHN THOMESON

JOEL EMBERY

MARTIN SIMS.

Proved by all four witnesses at January court 1820. Recorded 1-8-1820, Matthew Rainey C.C.O.

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Will of NATHAN EDWARDS, SENR. of Oglethorpe Co., GA, being weak of body. Just debts to be paid by selling negro boy Ruebin.

To two oldest sons HENRY L. EDWARDS and JOHN M. EDWARDS that part of land lying on west side of the "still house branch" 1/3 to Henry and 2/3 to John M. John's part to take in "the still pond and spring". "But be it remembered that my wife CINTHIA EDWARDS to have the use and profits (during) her lifetime".

To dau. LIZY HARRIS negro girl Winney.

To son WILLIS D. EDWARDS negro boy Bob.

To dau. ACHSAH EDWARDS negro girl Sarah.

To wife CINTHIA EDWARDS "during lifetime or widowhood", all land not already willed, negro man Mingo, and other negroes, household "stuff", plantation tools, stock, "except one bed and furniture and one cow to my daughter Achsah". Property given to wife to be for her support and support of other children "viz. WILLIAM W. EDWARDS, NATHAN EDWARDS, SIMEON EDWARDS, THOMAS P. EDWARDS, ELIJAH N.

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At the time Thomas Symons wrote his will, he had two unmarried daughters at home, namely: Mary (who married late in 1703 to John Morris), and Elizabeth (who married 1707/08 to Zachariah Nixon). These daughters were not named or even mentioned in their father's will. Thomas Symons' daughter Frances died about aged seven; his son, Thomas, born in 1682, must have died young, as no further record of him has been located beyond the date of his birth.

From Pasquotank Monthly Meeting (Quaker), Pasquotank Co., N. C. (Reference 1, page 119):

Thomas Simons

Children: John born 3-22-1678
 Francis born 4-2-1680
 Thomas born 7-15-1682
 Peeter born 10-8-1684
 Mary born 12-4-1687
 Elizabeth born 2-22-1691

Frances Simons, daughter Thomas & Rebeckah, died 2-...-1687
Thomas Simons died 2-18-1706, aged 57 or 58 years.

The original Quaker records (Reference 5, sheet No. 6) give death of Thomas Symons as follows: "the death of thomas Symons being the 18 day of 2 month in the yere of our account 1706 and is gone to his Resting place".

The following, also from Quaker records (Reference 5, sheet No. 16), not only proves that Thomas Symons had a brother named Jeremiah Symons, but also proves their human frailties common to us all:

"at a quarterly meeting at the house of henry white the 27 of the tenth month 1701 whereas a deferance hapened between Thomas Simons and Jeramiah his Brother and thay have laid the Eshew of the said deferance before the said meeting frinds of the meeting hath left it to six frinds to trie the Eshew of it the nams of the frinds are as folloeth: francis tooms Samuella necalls [Nicholson - Editor] Jeams davis francis tooms Junier Willam moore ~~JOHN/NEELIS~~ [sic] mathew prechard: and the matter being fully debated to the said frinds by the aforesaid parties it is there Judgment that Thomas Simons hath bought the land thay were in deferance aboute fairly and honestly and Jeramiah Simons hath ronged his brother Thomas in Exclaming against him and it allsoe our Judgment that Thomas Simons hath bin to rash with his Brother Jeramiah concerning the negro and thay ought to acknowledge the same and put a finall End to ther deferance for the truth Sake."

"A testimony, of the quarterly meeting (Reference 5, sheet 84), signed first day of the 7 month, 1688, by:

Henry white, William Bondy, Crestofer nikellson, Arnold white, danell Akehurst, Zacarias nixon, John ----- (illegible), Jeramiah Simons, Thos. leaper, Thos. Simons, Willam torner, Robert Hermon, John White, Stephen hancok, Elezabeath nixon, Damaris white, Ane Leper."

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NOTE: Since the first installment of this genealogy was published a year ago, evidence has been found which shows that William Simons-Symons of East Hampton, Suffolk Co., New York, had a wife Mary, and at least six children! From: "Albemarle - Book of Warrants and Surveys, 1681-1706," (in Archives, P. O. Box 1881, Raleigh, N. C. 27602), page 11 - Albemarle, 1680(?) - Thos. Symons entitled to 400 acres for the transportation of 8 persons: --- Symons, Mary Symons, Wm Symons, Rebecca Symons, Eliz. Symons, Jer. Symons, Mary Symons, negroe boy named Will. To ye Surveyor Genll. or his deputy. (Enrolled 1693.) Thus it seems apparent that William Symons, wife Mary, and children Thomas, Wm, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, and Mary, migrated from Suffolk Co., New York, in 1660's or 1670's, to Albemarle Co., N. C.

The foregoing record of Thomas Symons transporting eight persons was followed (same reference & page) by:

1693 - Mr. Thos. Symons proved eleven rights: Thos. Symons, Sarah Watts, one negroe Jack, one negroe Tony, one negroe girl named Sarah, Ruth Pinder, Timothy Pinder, Wm Elworthy, John Dollawer(?), (George ffisher & wife Deborah. 1693/94 - Thos. Symons assigned 3 of the the above to Jeremiah Symons: John Dellowar, George ffisher, Deborah ffisher. 1693 - Jeremiah Symons proved 5 rights: Jeremiah Symons, Jonathan Taylor, Andrew Mack Lewer [McClure?], --- girl named Nan, a negroe boy named Jack. Warrant given. (Same reference, page 51:) 1693/4 - Thos. Symons, planter, granted 200 acres on N. E. side Little River in Pasco. Prct., due for transportation of four: Thos. Symons, Sarah Watts, Jack & Tony, Negroes. 1694 - Thos. Symons granted 96 a. (etc.) due for transportation of 2: Ruth Pinder, Sarah a Negr. 1694 - Jerimiah Symons granted 158 acres in Litle River in Pasco. Prct., (p.52) due for transportation of four: Jer. Symons, Jonathan Taylor, Andrew Maclewer, Nan a Negr.

1. WILLIAM SIMONS or SYMONS
born (1620's?)
died (before 1685, probably in N. C.)
married (probably 1640's)
? MARY -----
born
died (before 1685, probably in N. C.)

CHILDREN:

2. THOMAS SYMONS - see further (& this & preceding pages).
3. WM SYMONS (?)
4. REBECCA SYMONS (?)
5. ELIZABETH SYMONS (?)
6. JEREMIAH SYMONS - see further.
7. MARY SYMONS (?)

The loss of so many early records of N. C. prevents us from learning more about the people who lived in this state 1663 to early 1700's.

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2. THOMAS SYMONS, son of 1. Wm & (?) Mary (----) Symons
born 1648/49
died 18 of 2 Mo. (April) 1706
married (around 1677?)
REBECCA -----
born c1654
died 25 of 2 Mo. (April) 1718, aged about 64 years.

CHILDREN:

8. JOHN SYMONS m. (1) 1700 Damaris White. See further.
(2) 1721/22 Priscilla (Tomes) Nicholson Kinsey. See further.
9. FRANCES SYMONS died young.
10. THOMAS SYMONS probably died young.
11. PETER SYMONS m. 1705 Martha Pritchard. See further.
12. MARY SYMONS m. 1703 John Morris.
13. ELIZABETH SYMONS m. 1707/08 Zachariah Nixon.

Arnould White (d. 1690, Pasquotank) named, in his will, "Brothers henry white and thomas Simons...." (see Hinshaw Vol. 1, p. 91). This may be the origin of the widely circulated statement that Rebecca, wife of Thomas Symons, was a White. However, will of Henry White Sr. named no daughter Rebecca; and the fact that the Quakers allowed a marriage, in 1700, between John Symons (son of Thomas & Rebecca) and Damaris White (dau. of Henry Jr.) is ample proof that Rebecca was not a sister to Henry White Jr., since the Quakers did not allow first-cousin marriages. (There is a possibility that Mary, wife of Arnould White, was Mary, sister to Thomas Symons; however this, too, is unproven and must not be accepted as fact, or even tradition - merely speculation. So, until some documentary proof is found to prove that Rebecca, wife of Thomas Symons, was a White, her surname must remain a blank.)

6. JEREMIAH SYMONS, son of 1. Wm & (?) Mary (-----) Symons
born c1655
died 21 of 6 Mo. (Aug.) 1715, aged about 60 years.
married (middle 1670's?)
ANNE -----
born
died (by 1713)

CHILDREN:

14. TAMER SYMONS m. 1696 Samuel Bundy.
15. DEBORAH SYMONS m. 1700 Wm Chancy.
16. JEREMIAH SYMONS m. 1705 Rachel "Roots" (Rooks, Rucks, etc.)
17. ANN SYMONS m. 1711 Charles Overman.
18. SARAH SYMONS m. 1711 Thomas Robinson.
19. MARY SYMONS m. (1) 17-- Samuel Northy.
(2) c1734 Robert Lowry Sr.
20. SAMUEL SYMONS died unmarried.
21. WILLIAM SYMONS m. 1725 Elizabeth Morris.
22. ELIZABETH SYMONS

Thomas Symons (No. 2.), and his brother, Jeremiah Symons (No. 6), were members of Pasquotank Monthly Meeting (Quaker), Pasquotank Co., N. C.

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Archives, File No. SS869, p. 17 - Original will of Jerremiah Symons, dated 30 March 1713; probated Xber (Dec.) 3(?) 1715. (No wife named or mentioned.) Children: Jerremiah, Wm, Samuel, Tamar wife of Samuel Bunday & his children, Deborah wife of Wm Chancey & his children, Sarah wife of Thomas Robison, Mary Symons, Anne Overman, Elizabeth Symons (she aged under 18). Exrs.: son Jerremaih Symons, Samuell Bunday, & Charles Overman. Signed: Jeremyah Symons. Wits.: J. Morris, John Symons, He. White.

From Pasquotank Monthly Meeting (Quaker), Pasquotank Co., N. C. (Reference 1, p. 118):

Jeramiah Simons
Children: Thamor born 10-41680
Debborah born 9-3-1683
Jeramiah born 10-20-1685

Jeremiah Simons d. 6-21-1715, aged about 60 yrs.

Reference 5, sheet 9: "Allbamarll in the province of Carali(n)a ano. 1700. Wheras John Simons of lettles rever of the province of Caralina in the presenke of pascotank son to Thomas Simons and damaris white daughter to henry white of the same County and presenke Laid there intentions of mareg before our monthly meeting at the house of henry white the 6 day of the 4 month 1700 and againe the second time the 4 day 5 month 1700 the same yere at the same house and inquire being maid and thay both being found clere he from all other weomen and she from all other men have left them to ther leberty to take Ech other now this is to sertifie the truth to all people where it may come that John Simons and damaris white at a publek meeting in a publeke maner at the house of henry white the 8 day of the 6 month 1700 did take Ech other by the hande and ther in the presence of god and his people promis to live together in good order of truth and the anchant practtis of gods people as long as thay live and we are witnesses whose nams are under wreghten.

John Simons

damaris white now Symons

(Witnesses:) Rebeaca Simons, Elezabeth nixon, damaris white, Elizabeath Charlls, damaris perse, henry white, Thomas Simons, Jeramiah Simons, Robart white, Arnould white, gabrill newbey, Joseph peice [Peirce], Jeams white, Calib Bundy, Jeams newbey, Stephen Scote."

Reference 5, sheet 14: "a quartterly meeting at the house of henry white the 5 day of the tenth month 1696 Wher as Samll. Bundy of Pascotank Precinct Planter & Tamer Symons Daughter of Jeremiah Symons Planter of the place afore Said haveing Proposed their Intention as above sd Did the 5th day of the X month 1696 at the house of Henry Whitt Take each other to be housband & Wife and wee whose names are here unto Subscribed being then present are wittnestes theirunto.

Samuel his S B marke bondey

tamer her T S marke Simons

(Witnesses:) Jeremiah Simons, Calleb bundey, Thomas Simons, henry white, Jeams davis, Samuel necals [Nicholson], francis tooms, Eserell Sonllell [? - meant for Israel Snelling], danaris whit, Elezabeth whit, Joseph Commander."

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Reference 1, pages 166, 167:

Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.:-

- 2 of 11 Mo. 1700 - Deborah Simons at liberty to marry Wm Chancey.
- 4 of 9 Mo. 1703 - Mary Symons at liberty to marry John Morris.
- 5 of 2 Mo. 1705 - Jeremiah Symons at liberty to marry Rachel Roots.
- 7 of 12 Mo. 1705 - Peter Symons at liberty to marry Martha Pritchard.
- 28 of 4 Mo. 1707 - Thomas Symons chosen clerk.
- 11 of 1 Mo. 1707/8 - Elisabeth Symons at liberty to marry Zacharias Nicholson.
- 14 of 5 Mo. 1709 - Jeremiah Symons Jr. disowned (took a warrant for Joseph Jordan).
- 13 of 8 Mo. 1709 - Jeremiah Symons reinstated.
- 18 of 8 Mo. 1711 - Ann Symons at liberty to marry Charles Overman.
- 18 of 8 Mo. 1711 - Jeremiah Symons Jr. disowned.
- 15 of 9 Mo. 1711 - Mary Symons at liberty to marry Thomas Robinson.
- 17 of 4 Mo. 1714 - John Symons chosen overseer.
- 15 of 10 Mo. 1720 - John Symons mentioned in list of sufferings on account of church rates or priest's dues.
- 15 of 12 Mo. 1721/22 - John Symons requested certificate to Perquimans Mo. Mtg. to marry.
- 7 of 3 Mo. 1724 - Thomas Symons at liberty to marry Ann Bundy, relict of Wm.
- 5 of 6 Mo. 1725 - Wm Symons declared intention of marrying Betty Morris. (Betty being Wm's father's brother's daughter's daughter, the mtg. advised against the marriage as within the fourth degree of consanguinity.)
- 5 of 12 Mo. 1727/8 - Paper of denial ordered written for Wm Symons for assaulting John Belman.

THIRD GENERATION:

- 8. JOHN SYMONS, son of 2. Thomas & Rebecca (---) Symons born 22 of 3 Mo. (May) 1678 died 1741, testate, Pasquotank Co., N. C. married (1st) 8 of 6 Mo. (Aug.) 1700 DAMARIS WHITE, dau. of Henry & Damaris (Page) White born -- of 12 Mo. 1684 died 1719 or 1720 (possibly 1721) John Symons m. (2nd) 8 of 1 Mo. 1721/22 PRISCILLA (TOMES) NICHOLSON KINSEY, widow of John Nicholson and John Kinsey, and daughter of Francis & Abigail (Bailey) Tomes

CHILDREN (by 1st wife):

- 23. THOMAS SYMONS m. 1724 Ann (Keaton) Bundy.
 - 24. REBECCA SYMONS (may have died young).
 - 25. JOHN SYMONS died young.
 - 26. JACOB SYMONS died young.
 - 27. FRANCES SYMONS died young.
 - 28. PETER SYMONS m. (1) 1746 Mary Mace (2) 1750 Priscilla Bufkin.
 - 29. JOSEPH SYMONS probably died young.
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CHILDREN (of Peter & Martha (Pritchard) Symons):

32. BARBARA SYMONS died unmarried.

33. JEHOSEPHAT SYMONS m. (1) 1729 -----
(2) 1735 Lydia Bundy
(3) 1764 Eliz. (Barrow) Bundy

34. MARY SYMONS m. 1734 Joshua Albertson.

35. THOMAS SYMONS died young. (Born 3 Mo. 1713; died 10 of 1 Mo. 1731, by
a fall from a horse. Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)

Reference 1, page 119:

Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.:-

Peeter Symons

Children: Jehosaphat born 9- - 1708
Barbary born 11- - 1706
Mary born 5- - 1711
Thomas born 3- - 1713

Peeter Symons died 6-22-1715

Reference 1, p. 167:

Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.:- Symons

7 of 6 Mo. 1729 - Jehoshaphat/reported married out of the society.

5 of 10 Mo. 1734 - Mary Symons at liberty to marry Joshua Albertson, of
Perquimans Mo. Mtg.

5 of 4 Mo. 1735 - Jehoshaphat Symons at liberty to marry Lydia Bundy.

6 of 4 Mo. 1745 - Jehoshaphat Symones chosen overseer.

7 of 1 Mo. 1762 - Jehoshaphat Symons chosen overseer.

2 of 2 Mo. 1764 - Jehoshaphat Symons reported married to Elizabeth Bundy,
widow.

16. JEREMIAH SYMONS, son of 6. Jeremiah & Anne (----)
Symons

born 20 of 10 Mo. (Dec.) 1685

died 1740, testate, Pasquotank Co., N. C.

married 1705

RACHEL "ROOTS" (probably meant for Rooks, Rucks, etc.)

born

died 1748/9, testate, Pasquotank Co., N. C.

CHILDREN: (exact order of birth unknown) -

36. BENJAMIN SYMONS m. 17-- Elizabeth -----.

37. SARAH SYMONS m. 17-- Samuel Reading (Redding, Reding).

38. ANN SYMONS m. 17-- ----- Spence.

39. HANNAH SYMONS m. (by 1752) Willis Sawyer.

40. JEREMIAH SYMONS m. 17-- ----- (Jeremiah dead by 1753; Wm Brothers
married his widow). (Pasq. marriage bond, 1744 - Jeremiah Symons &
Elizabeth Crooke.)

Archives, File No. SS869, p. 18 - Original will of Jeremiah Symons, farmer,
of Pasq. Co., N. C. Dated 1st day of 9th Mo. 1740; probated Second Tues.
in Jan. 1740 (1740/1 WPJ). (Jeremiah of "Little River," in Pasq. Co.) Wife
Rachel. Children: Benjamin, Sarah Reading, Ann Spence, Jeremiah, Hannah Symons.
Exrs.: wife Rachel, sons Benjamin & Jeremiah. Signed by name. Wits.:
Wm Symons, Jehosaphat Symons, James Overman.

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CHILDREN (of John Symons)(by 2nd wife):

30. FRANCIS SYMONS probably died young.

31. DAMARIS SYMONS (Pasq. Court Minutes show she gave birth to a "mulatto bastard"; she was disowned by Pasq. Mo. Mtg., 6 of 2 Mo. 1749.)

Archives, File No. SS869, p. 19 - Will of John Symons, dated -- day of 8 Mo. 1741; codicil dated 13 of 9 Mo. 1741; probated Jan. 1741 (1741/42 WPJ). (No wife named or mentioned.) Children: Thomas, Peter (land adj. Simon Bryan), & Samaris Symons. Sons Thomas & Peter, executors. Signed by name. Wits.: Wm Symons, Aaron Morris, Jonathan his X mark White.

Reference 1, page 118:

Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.:—

John Symons

Damaris Symons

Children: Thomas born 4-17-1702

Rebeckah born 8-14-1704

John born 10-7-1707; died 11-15-1708

Jacob born 10-28-1709; died 7-24-1718

Francis born 7-7-1713; died 6-24-1715 (daughter)

Peeter born 11-21-1716

Joseph born 12-16-1719

----- 2nd. wife of John

Children: Francis born 10-9-1722

Damaris born 3-7-1724

Reference 1, page 167:

Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.:—

7 of 3 Mo. 1724 - Thomas Symons at liberty to marry Ann Bundy, relict of Wm.

2 of 1 Mo. 1731/32 - Thomas Symons chosen overseer.

7 of 8 Mo. 1736 - Joshua Albertson complained against John Symons for the remaining part of his wife's estate, which was 3 pounds of good country pay.

10 of 7 Mo. 1746 - Peter Symons, son of John deceased, Pasquotank Co., married Mary Mace. at Mtg. House on the head of Little River.

6 of 2 Mo. 1749 - Damaras Symons disowned (she had given birth to a "mulatto bastard.")

10 of 8 Mo. 1750 - Peter Symons, son of John, Pasquotank Co., married Priscilla Buffkin, at Mtg. House at the head of Little River.

11. PETER SYMONS, son of 2. Thomas & Rebecca (---) Symons
born 8 of 10 Mo. (Dec.) 1684

died 22 of 6 Mo. (Aug.) 1715, Pasq. Co., N. C.

married 1705

MARTHA PRITCHARD, dau. of Thomas & Barbara (---)

Pritchard

born

died

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Archives, File No. SS869, page 21 - Original will of Rachael relict of Jeremiah Symons, Pasq. Co. Dated 12 of Oct. 1748; probated 11 April 1749. To grandson Abraham Symons son of Benjamin Symons. Son Benjamin Symons. Dau. Sarah Reading (or Reding, Redding). Granddau. Sarah Spence. "Daughter Symons." Dau. Hanna. Grddau. Ann Redding. Dau. Ann Spence. My 4 ch.: Benjamin, Sarah, Ann, & Hanna. Exr.: son Benjamin. Signed by mark. Wits.: Ter. Sweeny, Robert Lowry, Jehoshaphat Symons.

Jeremiah Symons (No. 16) was disowned by the Quakers in 1711, and since that time his children and descendants have not been members of that religious group.

20. SAMUEL SYMONS, son of 6. Jeremiah & Anne (---)
Symons, died 22 of 6 Mo. 1715, unmarried. (Ref.
1, p. 119).

21. WILLIAM SYMONS, son of 6. Jeremiah & Anne (---)
Symons
born
died 10 of 5 Mo. 1760 (Ref. 1, p. 120, which says:
Wm Symons, son of Jeremiah & Ann, BORN 10 of 5 Mo.
1760. Surely is his date of DEATH. WPJ)
married 1725
ELIZABETH ("Bette" or Betty") MORRIS, dau. of John
& Mary (Symons) Morris (Betty was her husband's 1st
cousin once removed) born 6 of 9 Mo. 1707
died ---- (before 1760?)

CHILDREN:

- 41. JOHN SYMONS m. 1747 Eliz. Phelps.
- 42. MARY SYMONS m. 1749/50 Samuel Cornwell.
- 43. JOSEPH SYMONS m. 1749/50 Miriam Trueblood.
- 44. ANN SYMONS (probably m. 1751, as the 2nd of his 3 wives, to Joseph Scott. Ann died 1757-9?)
- 45. ELIZABETH SYMONS m. (1) 1757 John Sanders
(2) c1779/80 Thomas Robinson
(3) 1789 Wm White
- 46. WILLIAM SYMONS
- 47. SAMUEL SYMONS m. c1767 Elizabeth -----.

Pasquotank Co., N. C., Will Book HIJ, p. 195 - Will of Wm Symons, dated 4 March 1760, probated Jan. 1761. (No wife named or mentioned) Children: Mary Cornwell, Eliz. Saunders, Wm, Samuel (he under 18). Grdson John Symons, son of son Joseph. Grddau. Eliz. Symons. Aaron Morris & Jno. Saunders to be guardians of my 2 sons, Wm & Saml. Exrs.: John Saunders & my 2 sons, Wm & Saml. Wits.: Jehasaphat Symons, Jas. Pool, Enoch Overman, Henry Deaton.

Ref. 1, p. 120 - Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.:

Wm Symons

Children: John born 29 of 4 Mo. 1726
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Children (of Wm Symons, continued)

Mary born 12 of 10 Mo. 1727
Joseph born -- of 9 Mo. 1729
Betsy Symons, 2nd wife of William
Children: Ann born 6 of 12 Mo. 1732
Elizabeth born 27 of 9 Mo. 1736

(NOTE: It is this compiler's opinion that the above Wm Symons had but one wife, his cousin, Elizabeth, or Betty, Morris. WPJ)

Ref. 1, p. 167 - Pasquotank Mo. Mtg.:-

5 of 9 Mo. 1747 - John Symons requested certificate to Perquimans Mo.
Mtg. to marry.

1 of 12 Mo. 1749/50 - Mary Symons, dau. of Wm, at liberty to marry Samuel
Cornwell, of Ilewhite [Isle of Wight] Co., Va.

1 of 1 Mo. 1749/50 - Joseph Symons at liberty to marry Miriam Trueblood.

4 of 2 Mo. 1751 - Ann Symons at liberty to marry Joseph Scott.

1 of 12 Mo. 1757 - Elisabeth Symons at liberty to marry John Sanders, or
Perq. Mo. Mtg.

18 of 6 Mo. 1767 - Samuel Symons reported married out of the society.

16 of 9 Mo. 1772 - Samuel Symons condemned his marriage out of unity.

16 of 9 Mo. 1772 - Elizabeth Symons requested to come under care of Mtg.

NOTE: The preceding 16½ pages give data on
Wm Symons, sons Thomas & Jeremiah, and grand-
sons John, Peter, Jeremiah, & Wm, & their
families. Below will be given brief data on
8 great-grandsons of Wm Symons, and their fami-
lies.

FOURTH GENERATION:

23. THOMAS SYMONS, son of 8. John & Damaris (White)
Symons
born 17 of 4 Mo. 1702 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
died 1757/8, testate, Pasq. Co., N. C.
married 1724 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
ANN (KEATON) BUNDY, widow of Wm Bundy, and
dau. of Henry Keaton & his 1st wife.

CHILDREN:

48. MARY SYMONS m. 1747/8 Nathan Overman.

49. JOHN SYMONS m. (1) 1750/1 Ann Morris.

(2) 1774 Miriam (Winslow) Pritchard.

(3) 1780 Eliz. (Morris) Gilbert.

50. MIRIAM SYMONS m. 1754 John Sanders.

51. JOSHUA SYMONS died young.

52. ABRAHAM SYMONS

53. THOMAS SYMONS m. 1765 Jane Bundy.

54. ANN SYMONS m. 1755 Joseph Newby.

55. JOSEPH SYMONS died young.

56. SARAH SYMONS m. 1759 Thomas Hollowell.

57. REBECCA SYMONS m. (1) 1765 John Lowe.

(2) 1771 Joseph Nicholson.

(3) 1773 Nathan Pearson.

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Archives, File No. SS869, p. 23 - Original will of Thomas Symons, Pasq. Co. Dated 30 of 12 Mo. (Feb.) 1757, probated May 1758. Wife Ann. Children: John, Abraham, Thomas, Miriam, Ann. Exrs.: wife Ann & sons John & Thomas. Mentioned his brother Peter, & his father. Mentioned land adj. Wm Blackstock, Zachariah Ketten, Joseph Keeton. Signed by name. Wits.: Jehoshaphat Symons, Nathan Overman, John Sanders.

28. PETER SYMONS, son of 8, John & Damaris (White) Symons
born 21 of 11 Mo. 1716 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
died (after 1754, before 1776)
married (1st) 10 of 7 Mo. 1746 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
MARY MACE, dau. of Francis & Ann (Newby) Mace
born 30 of 9 Mo. 1729
died 7 of 4 Mo. 1749
Peter Symons m. (2nd) 10 of 8 Mo. 1750
PRISCILLA BUFFKIN, dau. of Leaven of Nansemond Co., Va., & wife Alice.
born
died
(By 1776, she had remarried to ----- Edwards.)

CHILDREN (by 1st wife):

58. REBECCA SYMONS m. (1) 1774 Joshua Morris.
(2) 1782 Jeremiah Gilbert.

CHILDREN (by 2nd wife):

59. PLEASANT SYMONS
60. BENJAMIN SYMONS died unmarried.

33. JEHOSEPHAT SYMONS, son of 11. Peter & Martha (Pritchard) Symons
born --- of 9 Mo. 1708 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
died 23 of 11 Mo. 1767, aged 58 years & upwards (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
m. (1st) c1729 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)

born
died (by 1734 or earlier)
Jehosaphat m. (2nd) 1735 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
LYDIA BUNDY, dau. of Wm & Ann (Keaton) Bundy
born
died 1 of 11 Mo. 1762 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
Jehosaphat m. (3rd) c1763/4 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
ELIZABETH (BARROW) MOORE BUNDY, widow of John Moore, widow of Josiah Bundy, and dau. of Joseph & Jane (Nicholson) Barrow.
born c1715
died 23 of 12 Mo. 1796 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)

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JEHOSAPHAT SYMONS, continued:

CHILDREN (all by 2nd wife; no record of any children by 1st marriage, or by 3rd marriage):

61. SARAH SYMONS
62. ELIZABETH SYMONS died young.
63. MARY SYMONS m. 1766 Josiah Bundy.
64. THOMAS SYMONS died young.
65. JOHN SYMONS m. 1780 Sarah White.
66. NATHAN(IEL) SYMONS m. c1775 Absilla Wilson.
67. ANN SYMONS
68. JESSE SYMONS m. (1) 1775 Sarah Bundy.
(2) 1791 Millicent (Draper) Morris.
69. LYDIA SYMONS m. (1) 1780 Wm Davis.
(2) 1782 Aaron Morris.
70. PENELOPE SYMONS m. 1786 Jonathan Morris.
71. MILLICENT SYMONS m. (1) 1783 James Morgan.
(2) 1808 Mordecai Morris.

The will of Jehosaphat Morris was probated 1768 in Pasquotank Co., N. C., & named wife Elizabeth & children: John, Nathaniel, Jesse, Sarah, Mary, Ann, Lydia, Penelope, & Millicent Symons. (Dates of birth for the children are given by Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)

36. BENJAMIN SYMONS, son of 16. Jeremiah & Rachel
("Roots") Symons
born
died 1748/9, testate, Pasquotank Co., N. C.
married (1720's or 1730's)
ELIZABETH -----
born
died

CHILDREN:

72. ABRAHAM SYMONS
73. ANN SYMONS m. Theophilus Leonard.
74. MARY SYMONS
75. HANNAH SYMONS

Archives, File No. SS869, p. 16 - Original will of Benjamin Symons of Pasq. Co., dated 24 Oct. 1748, probated 12 Jan. 1748 (1748/9 WPJ). Wife Elizabeth. Children: Abraham, Ann, Mary, & Hannah. Exrs.: wife Elizabeth, & my uncle Wm Symons. Wits.: Jos. Bailey, John Davis, Hannah Symons. Signed by name. (From wording of will, Abraham may have been third child.)

Benjamin Symons and children were not Quakers.

40. JEREMIAH SYMONS, son of 16. Jeremiah & Rachel
("Roots") Symons
born
died (by 1753, Pasquotank Co., N. C.)
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JEREMIAH SYMONS, continued:

40. JEREMIAH SYMONS, continued
married 1744(?) (Pasq. marriage bond 26 Apl.)
(?) ELIZABETH CROOKEY
born
died (by 1753, Pasq. Co., N. C.)
(After Jeremiah died, his widow married
Wm Brothers)

CHILDREN:

76. ----- SYMONS

Archives, File No. 75.133, Pasq. Co. Division of Estates, 1748-69.
1753 - Jeremiah Symons Jr. Shows that Wm Brothers married the widow.
An orphan mentioned. Mentions Rachel Symons, dec'd.

41. JOHN SYMONS, son of 21. Wm & Betty (Morris) Symons
born 29 of 4 Mo. 1726 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
died 13 of 7 Mo. 1748 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.), testate.
married 1747 (Pasq. & Perq. Mo. Mtgs.)
ELIZABETH PHELPS, dau. of Jonathan & Elizabeth
(Tomes) Phelps
born
died
(Eliz. m., 2nd., 1750, Joseph Anderson - Perq. Mo.
Mtg.)

CHILDREN:

77. (A child in esse mentioned in will; no further record)

Archives, File No. SS869, p. 20 - Original will of John Symons, of Pasco-
tank, Albemarle Co. Dated 11 of 7 Mo. (Sept) 1748; probated 19 Jan. 1748
(1748/9 WPJ). Wife Elezebeth. Child in esse. Exrs.: wife Eliz., & my
father Wm Symons, & Joseph Robartson. Signed by name. Wits.: Mary Sy-
mons, Joseph Symons, Jonathan Long(?).

43. JOSEPH SYMONS, son of 21. Wm & Betty (Morris)
Symons
born -- of 9 Mo. 1729 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
died 1756 in Rhode Island (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
married 1749/50 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
MIRIAM TRUEBLOOD, dau. of Amos & Elizabeth (Cart-
wright) Trueblood
born 1724 (Trueblood Genealogy, p. 9)
died 1780 (ditto)
(Miriam m. 2nd., 1757, John Overman. Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)

CHILDREN:

78. ELIZABETH SYMONS m. 1768 James White.

79. JOHN SYMONS

(These two children were named as grandchildren in will of their grand-
father, Wm Symons, 1760/1. WPJ)

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47. SAMUEL SYMONS, son of 21. Wm & Betty (Morris)
Symons
born
died 2 of 11 Mo. 1777 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.) testate*
married c1767 (Pasq. Mo. Mtg.)
ELIZABETH -----
born
died

CHILDREN: (Eliz. m. after Samuel's death, c1779 to ---- ----)
80. MARY SYMONS m. 1788 Francis White.
81. ELIZABETH SYMONS m. 1790 Samuel White.
82. WILLIAM SYMONS

* Pasq. Co. Will Book HIJ, p. 403.

REFERENCES (for 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Generations. See p. 2071 for References for 1st Generation):-

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3. Rent Roll of Albemarle (no date, but c1696). Original in the Archives, Raleigh, N. C., File No. C. R. 2.002, Albemarle Co. Papers, Secretary's Office. (Also published by Hathaway, Vol. 1, p. 301)
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NOTE: Even in light of the ample proof published on these pages that Thomas and Jeremiah Symons of Pasquotank Co., N. C., are sons of Wm Symons of East Hampton, New York, the perpetrator of the 100% UNPROVEN claim that Thomas and Jeremiah are sons of Thomas and Alice (Robbins) Symons of Virginia, still clings stubbornly to his original material, and refuses to accept the newly-proven data which prove him completely wrong in his original theory. How does one deal with a "closed" mind???

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yt formerly Dressinge flax at Goody Davises house Goody Davis said yt she had Dressed her child in cleane linnen at the Iland & Goody Garlike came in & said how pretty the child Doth looke & soe sone as she had spoken Goody Garlike said the child is not well for it groaneth & Goody Davis said her hart did rise & Goody Davis said wn she took the child from Goody Garlike she said she saw Death in the face of it & her child sickned presently vpon it & lay 5 Daies & 5 nights & never opened the eyes nor cried till it Died.... [taken 27 Feb. 1657] (Reference 1, pages 135-36).

"Easthampton febr: ye 24th 1657. Book 2, page 60.--Goodwife Simons Deposed before John Mullford John hand Thomas Backer. The Depont Declareth yt on ye last Day of ye weel wen Arthur Howells wife lay sick about 10 of the clock she being at arthur howells house his wif beinge sick he was on ye one side of ye bedd & she on ye other & she heard Arthurs wife say send for garlick & his wife & she Answered yt wn she went to call her husband from garlicks wn he was A threshinge yt he laughed and Jeared mee she said I went cryinge and because I cried Garlick laught and Jeared mee ah said she he is a good one & yn she said send for goodie Garlick this she spake 3 times together. I asked wt would you have with her & she said I could teare her in peices and yn ye Depont saith she asked her whie she would send for goodie Garlick & she Answered yt she was a duble tounge woman and she asked saying did you not see her last night stand by the bedside readie to pull me in peeces and she prickt me with pins she prickt me with pins & so a 3d time: the Depont alsoe saith yt befor this ye first Day yt she was sick; yt she goeing to see her she tould her yt she saw a black thinge, she said an ugly black thinge at ye feete if ye bedd Good Simons saith alsoe yt on ye friday at night she lay wth her & yn she said Doe you see noe boddie at ye fete of ye bed & complained often saying ye prick me wth pins." (Reference 1, pages 132-33)

"Book 2, page 60.--The Testimony of Goody Edwards March 11th 1657. The Depont saith that on the last Day of the week at night wn Mrs Howell lay sick she heard her say goodie Garlick is a Duble tounge Woman & farther the Depont saith she saw a pin pulled out of Mrs Howells mouth & it was given to goodie Simons & Goody Simons said she was sure there was noe such pin in the house & the Depont saith to her best Remembrance mary Gardiner said there was noe such pin in the house & a little before this pin was taken out of her mouth this Depont saith yt she did put the handle of a knife into her mouth & gave her solitt oyle & suger and did loke into her mouth & she Did not see nor Diserne any pin there This Taken vpon oath before vs. John Mullford John Hand." (Reference 1, pages 139-40)

Turning from witchcraft, we find mention of Linn twice; once, above, where Goody Simons mentioned that "one came into a house at lin...", and again below, suggesting that William Simons and wife, and probably others of East Hampton, had resided at Linn, Massachusetts, prior to settling at East Hampton. "June 13th 1653. Book 2, page 7.--The Deft witnesses Depositions Goodwife Simons Deposed affirmeth that she heard goodwife Edwards say that she had a peticoat wch shee never woare yett that she brought

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of England with her and she saith she told her it was strange shee neuer
were it at Linn." (Reference 1, page 35) A letter to the Lynn Historical
Society, in 1962, brought this reply: "....We do not have any special infor-
mation about the Lynn families that went to Long Island; we do know how-
ever that several of them returned to Lynn...." They sent data on a John
Simonds or Symonds (1616-1671), but had no data on a William Simons.

"Book 2, page 70.-Lion Gardiner plt hath entered an accon of Defamation .
against goodwife Simons Deft." (Reference 1, page 58) "Book 2, page 77.-
William Mulford plaintife hath enterd an action of Defamation against
William Simons for vtterng Slanderous speeches against the Wife of the sd
William Mulford. The verdite of the Jury in the Case of William Mulford
is that thay found for the plaintife with 10 shilling damage with the
Court Charges." (The foregoing dated January 11, 1654.) "January 23 1654.
It is also ffirmly agreed & each party both plaintife & Defendant Doth by
this obligation bind themselves in a bond of 20 pound sterling not to Re-
new the action above writein ether hear or in any other place: & soe the
Declaration & the Depositions to be burned: & soe all Differances to be
ended betweene them & thers in all Cases whatsoever yt have been betweene
them ffor the times past: also each party doth bind him selfe in the same
bond: not to speak of any differences yt have beene betweene them & ther
viues in the Disparagmt of each party; vpon the penalty of paying the bond
with the liberty of the Law to the offended party. in wittnes hereof each
party sett to our Hands. It is agreed by the towne Consering the forfeit-
ure of the bond yt the one halfe shall belong to the towne and the Rest to
the offended party.

the mark M III of William Mulford

the mark of M S William Simons

Witness Luke Lillie Secy." (Reference 1, pages 67-68)

"Book 2, page 39. October 3, 1655.-It is Ordered that William Simons ffor
his provocking speeches to the 3 men In Authorytie being a Disturbance to
them in ther pceedings: that he shall fforthwith pay 5 shillings which is
to be Disposed of to make a paire of stockes." (Reference 1, pages 87-88)

"Isle of Wight 12th Septembr 1664. Book A, page 17.-This is to certifie
all men whom it may Concerne yt I William Symons doe give unto Jeremyah
Conkling of Easthampton full power to sell my 12 acres of land at East-
hampton I say hee hath full power to act as he shall se cause as fully as
if I my selfe were present my selfe & my Sonne Concerning this with our
hands & Markes the date & yeere above written.

his

Willyam MS Simons

marke

his

Thomas B Simons

marke

Witnesse:

David Gardiner

A true Copy" (Reference 1, pages 219-20)

(NOTE: The foregoing Power of Attorney was written from Isle of Wight.
This name was the original name of what is now called Gardiner's Island,
a small island at the eastern end of Long Island, about 10 miles north-
east of the town of East Hampton, and is not to be confused with Isle of
Wight County in the State of Virginia.)

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"Book 2 Page 138. A true Discoverie of the eare markes of every mans pper marke of their cattell as ffolloweth: viz. '....William Simons his marke is a hole in each eare.'" (Reference 2, page 181)

"Book B, Page 26.-The Records of William Simons land bought of Robert Dayton and Mrs. Codnor, being second home lots, being the sixteenth and seventeenth lots in number, containing twelve acres be it more or less, bounded with the street North and Stephen Hand's lot East, the Common South and John Straton's lot West." (Reference 2, page 50)

The following two letters, written by Thomas Simons from North Carolina in 1684 and 1685, prove beyond any doubt that Thomas and Jeremiah Symons of Pasquotank County, North Carolina, were sons of William Simons of Long Island:

"Book A, page 78.-David Gardiner understanding by Caleb Lambs men yt thou dost ffrequent Boston every yeere makes mee bold to trouble thee with these few lines which are to Request thee being acquainted with my land at Easthampton uppon Long Iland as I suppose to make sale of it for me to ye best Chapman & to satisfie thy selfe for thy paines & trouble, Lett thou sellest it for bee laid out in Linnens & wollens, but not of ye finest sort, I was told about May last, by one Daniell Johnson a bar-modian [Bermudian WPJ] yt hee mett with James Loper in ye west Indies, who falling in discorse together Concerning mee did acquaint ye said Johnson yt my land Joyning to his, would willingly buy it, which thing I shall refer to thee, not doubting but thou wilt doe thy uttermost endeavor, & sell it to best advantage noe more at present, till I heare from thee but my true love to thy selfe & wife with thy sonn in Law James & Daughter Elizabeth, desireing to heare from thee by first oportinuty whether thou wilt undertake this business for me or not: My Concernes not Permitting mee to see thee att prsent, And In soe doeing thou oblidge & Ingage mee to serve thee in what I may who am thy ffriend:

ffrom Lettell River
In Albemarle County

Thomas Symons ye sonn of
William Simons Deceased

In ye Province of North Carolina 8th tober 1684.

I desire thee to Rember my kind love to my unckill fithian & all my kindred those yt trade from Boston to theise parts are Caleb Lambe Jonathan Lambe John Blaine Hugh Bable & John Prowe with whom I am well acquainted; & I Question not but will Carefully deliver what Letter thou shalt send to mee." (Reference 2, pages 150-51)

"Book A, page 78. Ffriend. David Gardiner after my love to thee & thy wife hoping yt you are all in good health as I my wife & Children are at this writeing blessed bee god for it I understand yt my land is not sould at Easthampton, therefore I pray thee yt thou wouldest doe mee ye kindnes to sell it for mee, & pay thy selfe out of it, & send mee ye Remainder in goods which shall bee usefull for this place yt is to say, Keirsey, Peniston, Blewe Linning, Dwlis Seirge Lockerum & Canvis ffriend I here James

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Loper doth live by ye land yt belongs into me & by Information would
would willingly buy it, & if hee will give as much as another let him
have it, I have sent one Letter before & it was left at Samuelli Walkers
Marchant in Boston, where I was told yt thou didst use to lodge when in
Towne, but haveing heard nothing of yt Lettr Causd me to write, thy
ffreind Remembr my love to thy son in Law James & his wife, and to thy
brother Jeremiah & his wife & mickell [uncle WPJ] & aunt, & all my Cosins,
& I would desire thee to send mee word as sone as thou canst wch thou
aist by Caleb Lambe or his Brother Joshua or by Jon Blaney of Charles-
towne & ye other at Boston who comes here every yeere my ffather & mother
are both dead, no more at prsent I Rest thy Loveing ffriend

Thomas Simons

from albermalte County in ye Province of North Carolina this 28th of ye
7th Mo: 1685

The above written uppon Request was entered being a discovery of ye
power by which the land was sold of which this is a true copy By mee
Thomas Talmage Recordr." (Reference 2, pages 172-73)

"Book A, page 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ Know all men to whom these presents shall come that I
David Gardiner of ye Isle of wight in New Yorke Collony in America as
agent unto Thomas Symons of Albermarle County or worth [north WPJ] Car-
rolina greeting: know yee that for divers good Causes me therunto moveing:
but more especialie for & in Consideration of ye sum of fourteene pounds
of Currant mony of Boston: to bee to him in hand paid, by Jeremiah Conck-
ling junior of East-hampton on Long Island in ye County of Suffolk in ye
same government before ye Insealinge of these Presents: the rits thereof
& every part thereof: the said Gardiner as agent fforesaid doth Acknowl-
edge and of the same & every part therof doe full acquitt & discharge ye
said Conckling: have given granted bargained & sold: and doe hereby fully
truly & absolutely give grant bargain & sell unto ye said Jeremiah Conckling
all yt parcell of land lieing to ye Southward of the high way yt leadeth
toward ye norwest harbor of ye towne next unto ye land that is now in pe
tenure & occupation of John Cirle Southward: & on ye west side one land
belonging to Steven Stretton being two six aker lots as they are recorded
in towne booke one unto Robert daiton & ye other unto Joseph hand of ye
said Thomas Simons his father william Simons bought ye said two six aker
lott bee they more or less to have & to hold ye aforesaid lots of land as
affore butted & bounded with wood & timber whatsoever to ye same belongs
or appertaines unto him ye said Jeremiah Conckling or his heires or assignes
for ever: And I ye said David gardiner me my heires Executors administrators
& assignes Doth for him selfe & on the behalfe of the aforesaid Thomas
Simons avouch ye said Simons to bee the rightfull owner of the aforesaid
land: and doe hereby warrant to defend ye said Conckling against ye said
simons in ye Quiet Possesion of the aforesaid land: or against any one
Claiming same by from or under mee whatsoever: for the Confirmation here-
of I have heare unto sett my hand & fixed my seale this twentie second
day of ffebruarie In ye yeare of our lord: 1685-6

David Gardiner [L. S.]

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FIRST GENERATION REFERENCES:

- Reference 1 - East Hampton Town Records (J. H. Hunt, Printer, Sag-Harbor, 1887), Vol. I.
Reference 2 - Ibid., Vol. II.
Reference 3 - Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Savage.

SECOND GENERATION: THOMAS SYMONS, of Pasquotank Co., N. C., son of William.

Thomas, Simons or Symons, probably eldest son of William Simons of East Hampton, Long Island, and Isle of Wight (now Gardiner's Island), Suffolk Co., N. Y., was an early settler in what is now Pasquotank Co., N. C. Thomas Symons was married about the year 1677 to his wife, Rebecca. Her maiden name and parentage have never been ascertained. (More about her maiden name later.) Thomas and Rebecca Symons were in North Carolina as early as 1679, for Rebecca Simons was one of the witnesses to the marriage of Solomon Poole to Margaret White, at the house of Henry White, 24th of 4th Mo. 1679 (a Quaker marriage)(Reference 1, page 91).

On 30 June 1680, Thomas Symons was one of 29 men who signed a petition to the King as inhabitants of Albemarle County in Carolina, pertaining to the Culpeper and Miller Rebellion (Reference 2, page 51).

Rent Roll of Land in Albemarle County, Carolina (undated, but a study of all data showed it was taken around the year 1696)(Full title: "Rent Roll of land upon Record according to their Several Precincts in Albemarle County wt ye Rent of 2 - pr. 100 acres.") Around 250 names are listed, with a grand total of over 93,000 acres. Included are the following entries for the name Simons & variants:

- n. 6 - Thomas Simons, Little River, Pascotank, 200 acres.
Same, same place, 96 acres (given as "096").
Jere: Simons, Little River, Pascotank, 150 acres.
 - . 26 - Argoll Semons, Yawpim River, Chowan, 400 acres.
Ann Simons, Daughter of Matthew Simmons, Cho., 124 acres.
 - . 40 - Nicho. Semmons, Chowan, 360 acres.
- (Reference 3)

The above Thomas and Jere: Simons on Rent Roll of Albemarle, c1696, were sons of William Simons or Symons of Long Island; it is not known whether or not any of these others of same surname are related.

Thomas and Jeremiah Symons were active in civil and church affairs in N. C.; Symons' Creek Quaker Meeting was named for this family. Following is an abstract of the original will of Thomas Symons (Reference 4, page 22):

Will of Thomas Symons, Pasquotank Precinct, dated 20th of 11th Month, 1702-23; probated 16 July 1706. Wife Rebeaca Symons. Children: John Symons & his son Thomas; Peter Symons (aged under 21). Executor-- wife Rebeaca. Signed by name. Wits.: Jeams White, John Mor(r)is, John White, Zachariah Nixon.

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The above written is a true Copie Extracted out of ye Originall & Compared by mee

Thomas Tallmage Recorder

The power by which it doth appear yt this land was sould by ye owners order is to bee found enterd, uppon Request in this Book Page 78:

July ye 21: This above was acknowledged before mee John Howell Justice:" (Reference 2, pages 177-78)

It was the custom in New England three centuries ago to use the terms "Goodman" and "Goodwife" in place of "Mr." & "Mrs." And "Goodwife" often was reduced to "Goody" and it sounds quaint, to us today, to see married women referred to as "Goody"; for example, the wife of William Simons was referred to as Goody Simons.

In summing up, the foregoing records show that William Simons was in East Hampton, Long Island, by 1651, and may have resided in Lynn, Massachusetts, previously. By 1664 William Simons was residing on Isle of Wight (now Gardiner's Island), off the east coast of Long Island; by 1685, he and wife were deceased. The maiden name of the wife of William Simons has not been ascertained. From the letters, we know that Thomas Simons or Symons of North Carolina, had an uncle and aunt & cousins named Fithian on Long Island, in the 1680's. Thomas Symons' brother, Jeremiah Symons, may have been named for Jeremiah Conckling, with whom the family was associated; there may or may not be a blood kinship.

Savage (Reference 3, Vol. 4, page 427): "William Symonds - Concord 1636, had, by w. Sarah wh. was bur. 3 Apr. 1641, Judith who m. John Barker; and Sarah wh. m. John Haywood; was constable 1645, and rem. perhaps, says Farmer, to Easthampton, L. I. before 1650." Savage also mentioned a William of Ipswich 1635; a William of Woburn m. 1644; a William of Wells, son of Hon. Samuel (had dau. b. 1669). Also, p. 100, Savage gave, under the spellings of Simmons, Symonds, Simones, Symondson - a William of Boston (had dau. b. 1640); a William of Woburn 1662; and a William of Haverhill 1657. Extensive research in records of Massachusetts would possibly prove which of the many Williams, if any, moved to East Hampton, Long Island.

WILLIAM SIMONS (SYMONS), son of? -(it is a foregone conclusion that either this William, or his father, or possibly both, came to America, probably from England)

born (estimated 1620's?)(probably either England or New England)

died (by 1685)(Long Island, or more correctly Isle of Wight [Gardiner's Island], or in North Carolina?)

married (possibly 1640's - Thomas was probably eldest son, born c1648/9)

~~the given and maiden names of~~ "Goody" Simons are unknown)

born

died

CHILDREN (we have proof that William Simons had two sons:)

THOMAS SYMONS - see further

JEREMIAH SYMONS - see further

(there may have been other children, but so far no more have been proven)

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FIRST GENERATION: WILLIAM SIMONS, of East Hampton, Suffolk Co., N. Y.

The earliest proven ancestor of the Quaker Symons family of Pasquotank County, North Carolina, was William Simons of East Hampton (on Long Island), Suffolk County, New York, who settled there by 1651.

East Hampton, located near the southeast corner of Long Island, was founded in 1649. "Under the tuition of Connecticut for the first fifteen years, East-Hampton was cast in the Puritan mould. After the conquest of the New Netherlands in 1664, by the English, the entreaty of East-Hampton to abide with the colony of Connecticut was denied....In March, 1666, for their own safety they were constrained to purchase and hold under the authority of the Duke of York, by patent from Governor Nicoll....In June, 1674, after the reconquest from the Dutch, a renewed petition to be joined with Connecticut, is made in vain....Disunited in government, it remained essentially in spirit a fragment of New England" (Reference 1, p. 12).

William Simons was one of 34 men allotted land in East Hampton in 1653: "Book 2, page 159.-The Recordes of the Meadow at Norwest July 5th 1653. ...3 William Simons Two ackers and an halfe and sixteene poole more or lese bounded with Thomas Baker on the one side and Luke Lilly on the other." "Book 2, page 162.-The Records of the Meadow at Accabanock. Easthampton July 5th 1653. 3 William Simons one acker and fforty eight poole be it more or lese bounded with Thomas Backers on the one side and Luke Lillie on the other." (Reference 1, pages 37 & 40)

The first church in East Hampton was built in 1651. "There is no doubt that the early settlers of this town were strict Calvinists. Characteristic of their Puritan principles they called their church building 'the meeting house.' Neither in this or neighboring churches was any name sectarian or denominational given to the church as such." (Reference 1, p. 11) "November 17th 1651. Book 2, page 16.-It is ordered an agreed vpon by vs the Inhabitants that there shal be a meetinge house built 26 foote longe 20 foot broade and 8 foote stooode...It is ordered that Thomas Baker shall have eighteene pence for evry Lords Day that the meetinge shalbe at his house...It is ordered that William Edwards William ffithian Richard Brookes William Simons Samuel Parsons shall gett Sixe loade of thach within these fowerteene Dayes and if anie shall neglect to Doe his share he shal be liable to pay ten shillings...It is ordered that the three men that are Chosen for towne affaires shal set out the place for meetinge house and the five men that gett the thath shall fence the same nere that place." (Reference 1, pages 19 and 20)

William Simons and his wife were involved in a witchcraft case in East

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Hampton. "The wife of Joshua Garlick, accused of witchcraft, by an order of the town meeting made March 19th, 1657, was directed to be taken for trial to Hartford. The testimony against her is scattered over the records anterior to and about the time of this entry." In an undated letter said to be in the handwriting of Gov. Winthrop: "...!Whereupon though there did not appeare sufficient evidence to prove her guilty yet we cannot but well approve and commend the Christian care & prudence of those in authority with you in searching into ye case accordinge to such just suspicion as appeared...." "Thus the only known case of accusation for witchcraft in East-Hampton, for the trial of which the town authorities preferred to seek a higher tribunal, resulted in an acquital, to the lasting honor of the town and the colony of Connecticut." (Reference 1, pages 7-9)

A full copy of all these witchcraft items in the Town Records of East Hampton would make fascinating reading, but will be limited here to a few items pertinent to William Simons and wife; even though all this sounds ludicrous today, bear in mind that three hundred years ago it was all taken very seriously. "Book 2, page 56.-"....[referring to wife of Arther Howell:]when Mr Gardiner was there present she cried out in the same manner of a witch nameing noe boddy but being asked wt she Did se she said a black thinge at the bedds fete and stretching forth her hands used some expressions as if she would strike at it And being there again on ye last Day at night followinge she beinge yn soe sencles yt she knew noe boddie to my apreheension goody Simons lay by her yt night & there was her husband & I & boose & we heard a noyse on ye side of ye bed as if sumthing had scratched very hard: ye candle being yn out I spedily lighted it & her husband & I looked to see if we could se any thinge but nothing we could Diserne Goody Simons beinge yn fast a sleepe & she alsoe to my Apreheensions: lying both of ym close together with their hands Downe in ye bedd lying close together covered vpp, my seeing yt made me to marvell soe much the more at ye noise.... (Reference 1, pages 128-29).

"Book 2, page 57....Goody bishopp Deposed testifieth yt at ye time wn goody Simons had her fitts she went to Goody Garlike for Dock weed & yt she went from thence to Goody Simons & saith as she remembreth Goody Davis asked her wt she had in her lap & she said it was Dockweeds & goody Symons said she would have ym burnt she did not know wt myht follow & either goody Davis or goody Simons or both tooke the weeds & threwym in ye fire & she said Goody Simons said there was one came into a house at lin in like manner & there came sumthing in after, the Deponant farther saith yt before this while Goody Simons had her fits she heard Goody Simons say yt ther came a black thing into the house & sum boddie of ye house Inquired who had a black catt & sumboddie said Goody Garlik & saith alsoe yt one time wn Goody Simons was in her fitt she heard her say yt she would not have Goody garlik nor Goody Edwards cum nere her: This taken uppon oath febru: 27th '57 before vs John Mulford Thomas Backer John Hand." (Reference 1, pages 133-34)

"Book 2, page 58....Goody Burdsill Declareth yt she was in the house of Goody Simons when Goody Bishopp came into the house wth ye Dockweede & betwene Goody Davis & Goody Simons they burned the herbs farther she saith

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